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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of: Robert J. Fletcher et al.

Confirmation No.: 4998

Application No.: 09/755,467

Group No.: 3621

Filed: January 5, 2001

Examiner: Calvin L. Hewitt II

For: SECURE ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDIT. FEE	
TOTAL	31	—	39	=	0 x \$	18.00	= \$ 0.00
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+	\$	0.00	= \$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE						\$	0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

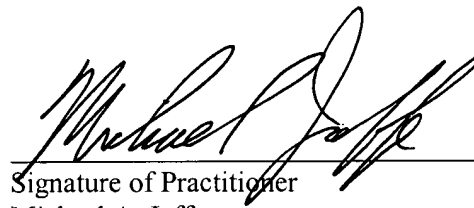
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.